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PSC APPROVES WATER TERRITORIAL AGREEMENTS

Jefferson City (January 21, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement in a case regarding three water territorial agreements between the City of Hannibal and Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Ralls County.

The three water service territorial agreements govern the providing of water service to three small tracts located in Marion County. The three tracts, which are all commercially developed, are occupied by the Perry State Bank, the Quality Inn Suites Motel and United Industries Credit Union.

According to the City of Hannibal and Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Ralls County, these territorial agreements will enable the applicants to avoid wasteful and costly duplication of water utility services within the specified service areas. They further stated that the agreements are in the public interest because they displace destructive competition to the benefit of the Joint Applicants' respective ratepayers. The application stated the agreements will not result in a change of water service supplier for any customer.

The agreement approved by the Commission was submitted by the City of Hannibal, Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Ralls County, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Public Service Commission. The agreement was reached as a result of extensive negotiations conducted by the above parties.

The Commission's order states: "Based on its review of the Joint Application, the Territorial Agreements, the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, and the testimony adduced at the hearing, the Commission concludes that the proposed territorial agreements in total are not detrimental to the public interest and should be approved."

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